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## NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. **Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA)** has signed MoU with **Microsoft** on **Joint initiative for Digital Transformation of Tribal Schools** like Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) and Ashram Schools
  - Microsoft will make **AI curriculum** available to tribal students in both **English and Hindi** at all EMRS schools to skill educators and students in next-generation technologies
2. **DRDO** has developed an antibody detection-based kit, the DIPAS-VDx COVID 19 IgG Antibody Microwell ELISA or **DIPCOVAN**.
  - The kit can be used for sero-surveillance for detecting the presence of Covid antibodies amongst the population.
  - **DIPCOVAN** was developed indigenously by DRDO scientists and has been tested on over 1,000 patient samples at various Covid hospitals in **Delhi**.

## STATES AFFAIRS

3. Punjab Chief Minister **Amarinder Singh** has declared **Malerkotla** as the **23rd district of Punjab** on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr, after long-pending demand of the people.
4. Manipur CM, **N Biren Singh** has launched mobile app titled as '**MOMA Market**' for home delivery of fresh vegetables, for day to day consumption amid COVID-19
  - It has been introduced by **Manipur Organic Mission Agency (MOMA), Dept of Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Manipur**
5. Bihar's Chief Minister **Nitish Kumar** has launched an innovative mobile application called '**Home Isolation Tracking (HIT) COVID**' to keep an eye on the condition of COVID-19 patients recovering at their residence

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

6. **China** has successfully achieved the feat of landing its first Mars Rover '**Zhu Rong**' on the red planet, becoming the only second nation to do so.
  - Till now, only **United States** have successfully landed its rover on Mars.
7. **Iran** has unveiled a new supercomputer '**Simorgh**', which is 100 times more powerful than previous supercomputer of the country
8. Elon Musk-owned **SpaceX** has tied-up with **Google Cloud** to offer high-speed satellite internet to customers across the world.
  - Under this, SpaceX will set up Starlink ground stations within Google's data centres, that connect to Starlink satellites to enable high-speed broadband internet through Google Cloud.
9. **Google** has launched its global licensing programme '**News Showcase**' in India amid mounting pressure from media houses urging technology platforms to pay a fair price and share a part of the advertising revenue for featuring articles
  - It is a part of **Google's \$1-billion investment** to support quality journalism.

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## REPORTS & INDICES

10. India has moved up to third spot in the **57th Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI)** released by **EY (Ernst & Young)**.
  - Installed solar capacity in India grew nearly 12% to 39GW in financial year 2020-21 and is expected to grow significantly with generation from solar PV forecast to exceed coal before 2040
  - **United States** topped the index, followed by **China, India, United Kingdom** and **France**.

## GOVERNMENT SCHEMES & PROGRAMMES

11. The **Ministry of Youth Affairs**, the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**, the **UNICEF** and its partner organisation YuWaah has launched a pan-India campaign called **#YoungWarrior**.
- The aim of the campaign is to engage young people across the country to address the ongoing **COVID-19** crisis.

## ECONOMY & BUSINESS

12. **Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture (MCCIA)** in collaboration with **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** has launched **India's first agro-export facilitation centre** in Pune.
- It will work as a one-stop-centre for the exporters in the agricultural sector boosting agricultural exports from the region, as per global standards
  - It will guide prospective exporters on relevant aspects of **'farm-to-fork'** chain of agro-exports through experts

## FINANCE & BANKING

13. **Airtel Payments Bank** has rolled out digital platform titled as **'DigiGold'** for making investments in gold by its customers.
- It is launched in partnership with **SafeGold**, a provider of digital gold.
14. **Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT)** is building Digital Financial Infrastructure named as **National Digital Financial Infrastructure (NADI)**.
- NADI will provide a roadmap and framework for future digital financial services growth
  - It will consist of modern network infrastructure including 5G/Edge Cloud with software defined networking for connecting to the data centre infrastructure.
  - **IDRBT** is an arm of **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
15. **IDBI Bank** has announced the launch of its fully digitised, end-to-end, Loan Processing System (LPS) for its MSME and Agri products.
- This system seamlessly integrates with data fintech, bureau validations, document storage/retrieval, account opening/management, customer notifications, and portfolio management capabilities along with embodied policy/knock off parameters.

16. Now Money kept in various **online wallets (Amazon pay, Ola money, Mobikwik, PhonePe, Delhi Metro Card etc.)** can be withdrawn using an ATM or Point of Sale Terminal
- RBI has permitted cash withdrawal of Rs. 2,000 per transaction with maximum limit of Rs. 10,000 per month.
17. The **RBI** has approved the transfer of **Rs. 99,122 crore** as surplus to the govt for the accounting period of nine months ended **March 31**.
- RBI also decided to maintain the **Contingency Risk Buffer** at 5.50%.
  - The decision was taken at the 589th meeting of the Central Board of RBI.
18. **India** is the **2nd largest insurance-technology market** in **Asia-Pacific region** as per **S&P Global Market Intelligence report**
- India accounts for **35% (\$1.28 billion)** of the **total venture capital (\$3.66 billion)** attracted by insurtech-focused sector in the Asia Pacific region
  - China was the largest **insurance-technology market** (43% of the total investment)

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19. **RBI** has increased the max amount outstanding in respect of **full-KYC PPIs (KYC-compliant PPIs)** from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 2 lakhs.
- Apart from this, RBI has instructed PPI issuers to give the holders of full-KYC PPIs interoperability through authorized networks in the form of cards and UPI for PPIs in the form of electronic wallets.

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

20. **Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** has been conferred with the **International Invincible Gold Medal for 2021** for his extraordinary commitment and outstanding service to humanity through his writings, social and illustrious public life at a two-day virtual session

21. Cambridge University chemists **Shankar Balasubramanian** and **David Klenerman** has been declared the winners of the **2020 Millennium Technology Prize** for their development of revolutionary sequencing techniques.

- Balasubramanian is an India-born British professor of medicinal chemistry

22. Emmy Award-nominated Indian choreographer **Suresh Mukund** has won **10th Annual 'World Choreography Award 2020'** (Choreo Awards or Oscars of Dance)

- He is the first Indian to win the Choreo Awards.
- He won the award in 'TV Reality Show/Competition' category, for his work on hit American TV reality show **'World of Dance'**.

## PERSON IN NEWS

23. New Zealand Prime Minister **Jacinda Ardern** has topped **'World's 50 Greatest Leaders' list for 2021**, which is released by Fortune Magazine

- She is followed by **mRNA pioneers, Paypal CEO Daniel H Schulman** and **NBA Rescuers**
- **Adar Poonawalla** (CEO of Serum Institute of India) is the only Indian among the top 10 names at list. He is placed at 10th rank

24. **Sir David Attenborough (95 years)** has been named as **'People's Advocate for Climate Change' of UN Climate Change Conference (COP26)**

- **COP26** is scheduled to be held in **Glasgow in November 2021** under the Chairmanship of UK
- He is a renowned English broadcaster and natural historian

25. Mexico's **Andrea Meza (26 years)** has won **2020 Miss Universe beauty pageant** in Florida, United States.

## OBITUARIES

26. India Mathematics **Mudumbai Seshachalu Narasimhan (88 years)** passed away.

- He is known, along with **C. S. Seshadri**, for their proof of the Narasimhan–Seshadri theorem and elected as Fellows of the Royal Society.

27. Renowned cardiologist and former national president of Indian Medical Association, **KK Aggarwal (62 years)** passed away battling with Covid in Delhi
28. Renowned environmentalist **Sundarlal Bahuguna** passed away due to Covid-19 in **Rishikesh**. He was 94.
- The Garhwali environmentalist and **Chipko movement** leader were undergoing treatment at **AIIMS, Rishikesh**.
  - For years, Bahuguna has been fighting for the preservation of forests in the **Himalayas**.

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## IMPORTANT DAYS

29. **International Day of Light (IDL)** is observed every year on **16 May** to mark the anniversary of the 1st successful operation of laser in 1960 by physicist and engineer, **Theodore Maiman**.
30. **International Tea Day** is observed every year on **May 21** annually to raise awareness of the deep cultural and economic significance of tea around the world and promote its importance in fighting hunger and poverty.
- The day is recognized by **UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**
31. The **International Day for Biological Diversity** is celebrated on 22nd May every year.
- International Day for Biological Diversity is observed to raise and create awareness about **biodiversity issues**.
  - The theme of the day this year (2021) is **"We're part of the solution #ForNature."**

## SPORTS

32. Polish teenager tennis player **Iga Swiatek (19 years)** has won the Women's Singles title of Italian Open.
- She defeated **Czech Karolina Pliskova** by 6-0, 6-0 with what is known as a **'double bagel' score** in the summit clash in Rome that lasted just 46 minutes.



33. **Rafael Nadal (Spain)** as won **10th Italian Open**, after defeating world number-1 **Novak Djokovic (Serbia)** by 7-5, 1-6, 6-3

- He also equalled Djokovic's record of 36 ATP Masters 1000 titles

34. The **2022 FIFA under-17 Women's World Cup** will be held in India from **October 11 to 30, 2022**.

- India was set to host the 2021 **U-17 Women's World Cup** before it was canceled due to the **Covid-19 pandemic**.

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